

MINUTES

Thursday-November 7, 2002
Red River Room, State Capitol
Bismarck, ND

The Education Standards and Practices Board (ESPB) meeting was called to order by board chair, Amy Benz. Board members present were Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Christopher Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean U. Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. ESPB staff members present were Deb Jensen, Diane Weber and Janet Welk. Visitors present were Bill Peterson from the Attorney General's Office, Joe Westby from NDEA, Gary Gronberg and Laurie Matzke from the Department of Public Instruction, Larry Klundt from the ND Educational Leaders, Roman Weiler from the State Association of Nonpublic Schools and Barry Lentz, past-president of the Association of Elementary Principals.

A motion was made by Kirk to approve the October minutes. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

There was no **October** financial report available for board review due shortage of personnel in the office.

Lauri Nord's last day with ESPB was October 30th. Jean Bechhold has been offered the part-time administrative assistant position. She will begin on December 2nd. Interviews have been scheduled for November 21st for the full-time administrative assistant/licensing clerk position.

The Office of the Governor and the Education Standards and Practices Board received approximately \$2.2 m a year for the next three years funding thru the Title II, Higher Education Act. The grant will fund the alignment of teacher education program approval standards with the K-12 content standards, development and implementation of a statewide mentoring program for all new teachers, and the development and implementation of a portfolio-based assessment system for those teachers who are not highly qualified as defined *No Child Left Behind*. Bill Goetz, Chief of Staff will oversee the project and Janet Welk will direct the project. Deb Jensen and Clarence Bina from DPI, will coordinate the alignment of standards goals. The two new coordinators will be hired to staff the development and implementation of the mentoring and portfolio goals.

Interviews have been scheduled on November 19th for the mentoring and portfolio coordinator positions. The mentoring and portfolio interview committee will consist of Bill Goetz from the Governor's Office, Joe Westby from NDEA, Larry Klundt from ND Educational Leaders, Gary Gronberg from DPI and Janet Welk.

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The Legislative Interim Committee has contacted our office on legislative needs and support. All legislation requests need to be submitted by December 6th. A motion was made by Laura approve the legislative bill drafts for:

1. Board compensation increase from \$25 to \$62.50 per meeting **15.1-13-03**
2. Criminal penalty for teaching without a license issued by the board or without approval to teach by the board is guilty of a class B misdemeanor **15.1-13-17**

Second by Marianna. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppleman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

Deb's deferred her time on the agenda to the *No Child Left Behind* discussion. Her report was submitted as written.

Much discussion was held on the suggested definition of "highly qualified":

1. major
2. minor with coursework
3. minor with content test
4. minor with portfolio
5. advanced degree via meeting ND standards
6. national board certified

A motion was made by Laura as of January 1, 2003, all new, elementary and Title I, initial educators take the PLT and Praxis II. Second by Dean. Motion withdrawn. A motion was made by Laura, as of July 1, 2003, all new elementary and Title I, initial **licensed** educators take the PLT and Praxis II. Second by Dean. Motion amended. Pam moved to amend the motion that as of January 1, 2006, all new, elementary and Title I, initial licensed educators take the PLT and Praxis II. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppleman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

A motion was made by Pam, effective January 1, 2006 all initial, elementary 1-8 applicants must pass by meeting or exceeding the state cut scores in Praxis II, elementary subject knowledge and teaching skills test. Second by Dan. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Neil Nordquist, Marianna Malm, Dean Koppelman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit, Pam Cronin, Laura Carney and Amy Benz.

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CASES

Aucker, Raymond (Administrative)

Bill Peterson reported that he is trying to notify Mr. Aucker regarding the board's decision. As of the board meeting date, he has not been able to serve Mr. Aucker thru mail service. The order becomes final on December 5th.

Bye, Heidi

Ms. Bye asked for the board's consideration in the \$250 fine refund/waiver which had been collected due to Ms. Bye teaching without a valid license. A motion was made by Kirk to deny the request for the fine refund/waiver. Second by Dean. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Dean Koppleman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist and Dan Vainonen. Kathy Kiedrowski voted no and Chris Douthit withdrew from voting. Ms. Bye's license expired the summer of 2002 and her license was then renewed on September 27, 2002, after the start of the 2002 school year. She is an elementary teacher with the Grand Forks Public School District.

Hosie, Leonard

The board asked that Janet contact Mr. Hosie to ask for a drug/alcohol evaluation report that has been completed by a licensed addiction counselor. The board is also requesting that Mr. Hosie do another BCI/FBI check. Mr. Hosie had been a previous board case. When renewing **this** license, he checked yes to question 3, on part two of the application. Mr. Hosie had a DUI charge in April of 2002. His license expires on November 12th. He is employed as a history/geography teacher at Mandaree Public Schools.

Langland, Richard

The board would like Janet to contact the sheriff department and school district for further information. A request for inquiry had been filed by the Dunseith Public School district due to a code of ethics issue. (67.1-03-01-02, (1) (5))

Landman, Denise

A motion was made by Laura to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Dean. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Kirk Welstad, Dan Vainonen, Neil Nordquist, Marianna Malm, Dean Koppleman, Kathy Kiedrowski, Chris Douthit, Pam Cronin, Laura Carney and Amy Benz. Ms. Landman's license request was brought before the board due to her background check.

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A motion was made by Chris to issue an initial, two-year license. Second by Kirk. Motion carried. Board members who voted in agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppelman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Mr. Manary's license request was brought before the board due to his background check.

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Pazdernik, Michael

The board considered the complaint against Mr. Pazdernik and determined there was a reasonable basis to believe the claims or charges in the complaint to be true and subject to action by the board. A motion was made by Kirk to offer an informal settlement agreement. Second by Chris. Motion carried. Board members who were agreement were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppleman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad.

The agreement:

1. waives the right to an administrative hearing
2. suspense teaching license for not less than two years
3. license may be reinstated after two years if successful completion of classroom management class which has been approved in advance by the executive director
4. suspension placed on the national clearinghouse
5. no covenants, promises, undertakings or understandings outside this agreement
6. agreement shall be governed by substantive laws of the state.

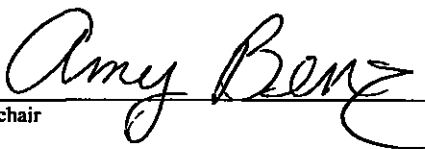
Mr. Pazderick's license was due to expire on January 27, 2007. He was formerly employed as a science teacher with the Flasher Public School District. **NDCC 15.1-13-25(1) (c) (h) and ND Adm. Code 67.1-03-01-02(1) before amendment 8/1/02**

Redroad, Joann

Pursuant to **NDCC 15-1-13-25(1)(c)(d)(e)h) and ND Adm. Code 67.1-02-02-06 (1)(4)**, a motion was made by Neil to deny the application because of the conviction of numerous offenses having a direct bearing on an individual's ability to serve as a teacher and because Ms. Redroad provided false information to the board. Second by Kirk. Motion carried. Board members who voted yes were Amy Benz, Laura Carney, Pam Cronin, Chris Douthit, Kathy Kiedrowski, Dean Koppleman, Marianna Malm, Neil Nordquist, Dan Vainonen and Kirk Welstad. Ms. Redroad had applied for an initial, two-year restricted Native American language instructor.

Kirk Welstad informed that board that he has been appointed as the NW Director for the ND School Board Association. Congratulations Kirk!!!!

The next board meeting will be held on Friday, December 13th in Grand Forks.


Board chair


Secretary/Executive Director